

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A pedal bracket structure comprising:
a pedal bracket fixed at a front end portion to a toe board ~~at a front end portion~~
thereof; and
a pedal lever rotatably supported in ~~a~~ the vicinity of a rear end portion of said pedal
bracket via a pedal lever pivot,
wherein said pedal bracket includes:
a rigidity supplementing portion formed in the vicinity of said front end
portion of said pedal bracket; and
a brittle portion formed at a rear side of said rigidity supplementing portion.
2. (Original) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle
portion is formed ahead of said pedal lever pivot in a longitudinal direction of said pedal
bracket.
3. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, ~~wherein said~~
~~pedal bracket has~~ further comprising a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever
pivot and a ~~mounting portion relative to a vehicle body~~, and which is located at the rear of
said pedal bracket.
4. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 3, wherein said
rigidity increasing member includes:

a ~~saddle-type~~ switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said ~~saddle-type~~ switch bracket and said vehicle body mounting portion,

wherein; said rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said ~~saddle-type~~ switch bracket.

5. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising ~~wherein said pedal bracket has~~ a rigidity increasing member between said pedal lever pivot and a mounting portion relative to a vehicle body, and which is located at the rear of said pedal bracket.

6. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 5, wherein said rigidity increasing member includes:

a ~~saddle-type~~ switch bracket fastened to said pedal bracket together with said pedal lever pivot; and

a rigidity supplementing bracket disposed between said ~~saddle-type~~ switch bracket and said vehicle body mounting portion,

wherein; said rigidity supplementing bracket is aligned with and fixed to said ~~saddle-type~~ switch bracket.

7. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said rigidity supplementing portion is swollen ~~formed to swell and bead~~ outwardly.

8. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said brittle portion comprises ~~is formed~~ a semi-circular shape.

9. (Currently Amended) The pedal bracket structure as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said brittle portion has ~~is formed~~ a semi-circular shaped hole formed therein.

10. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 4, wherein said switch bracket is saddle shaped.

11. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 6, wherein said switch bracket is saddle shaped.

12. (Newly Added) A pedal bracket structure comprising:
a pedal bracket fixed to a toe board; and
a pedal lever rotatably supported by said pedal bracket,
wherein said pedal bracket comprises:
a rigidity supplementing portion formed toward front end portion of said pedal bracket; and
a brittle portion formed at a rear side of said rigidity supplementing portion.

13. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said rigidity supplementing portion comprises a swollen bead.

14. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said rigidity supplementing portion comprises a curved rib.

15. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said rigidity supplementing portion comprises a rigid supplementing plate.

16. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion has a semi-circular hole formed therein.

17. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion has a slit formed therein.

18. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said brittle portion comprises a thin portion.

19. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, wherein said rigidity supplementing portion and said brittle portion are contiguous.

20. (Newly Added) The structure of claim 12, further comprising:

a saddle shaped switch bracket attached to a rear of said pedal bracket at said pedal pivot; and

a rigidity supplementing bracket attached to said saddle shaped switch bracket and further mounted to a vehicle body.